

team which visited Muzaffarnagar on 14.8.2001 submitted report to the Commission which was forwarded to Government of Uttar Pradesh for appropriate action.

- (vi) A NCM team visited Malegaon on 6.11.2001 to enquire about the situation arising out of communal riots in the town on 26.10.2001. The recommendations made by the NCM team in its report were sent to Government of Maharashtra.
- (vii) Following wide spread killings and destruction of property in the communal riots in Gujarat in February, 2002, a NCM team visited Ahmedabad on 13-14.3.2002.
- (viii) On receipt of reports that communal clashes had occurred around Jhabua in Madhya Pradesh on account of rape and murder of a minor girl by a criminal in the Mission School toilet at Jhabua. A NCM Member visited Indore and Jhabua on 22-24.1.2004. The NCM recommendations in the report were forwarded on Government of Madhya Pradesh on 3.2.2004.
- (ix) On receipt of information about communal clashes at a fair at Sardhana town near Meerut on 19.6.2004, a NCM team visited Meerut on 22.6.2004 and held discussions with the community leaders and District Administration. A peace committee meeting was convened and the State Government placed six officials under suspension.
- (x) On receipt of information about communal disturbance at Aligarh on 5-6 April, 2006, a Member of the Commission visited Aligarh on 7-10 April, 2006 and submitted a detailed report which was forwarded to the Government. A copy of the report was also sent to Government of Uttar Pradesh for appropriate action.

#### **Development of minorities**

474. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether demands/suggestions have been made to Government for 15 per cent budget of each Ministry to be spent on the welfare and development of minorities; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) and (b) Such a suggestion has not come to our notice. However, the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities already provides that wherever possible, Ministries/Departments concerned will earmark 15 per cent of the physical targets and financial outlays for minorities.

#### **Conditions of minorities**

475. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state the extent to which the condition of minorities has been ameliorated and what more is required to be done?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): Government is committed to ensuring the welfare of the minorities. The Prime Minister's new 15 point programme for the welfare of minorities is a major step in this direction.

#### **Development of non-conventional energy**

476. SHRI S.M. LAUAN BASHA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government helps various States to develop non-conventional energy by disbursing funds through the State Renewable Energy Development Agencies;

(b) what is the operational and functional relationship between IREDA and the State Government agencies;

(c) the quantum of funds disbursed to different States in 2005-06; and

(d) the manner in which Government monitors these funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government provides central financial assistance for deployment of various